To whom it may concern,

As a concerned citizen of CT, I am writing to you today in support of HB 6926.

In these tough fiscal times, towns need more options to protect their local lands. Sources of funding for open space acquisition and protection in Connecticut are increasingly threatened and hard to come by; and the state is also falling behind on its open space goals highlighted in the Connecticut Green Plan. In response, Audubon Connecticut has launched Project Green Space to create a "local option" to acquire, preserve and protect open space at the municipal level.

To do so, we need the state legislature to pass enabling legislation that gives Connecticut cities and towns permission to establish this fee at the local level. This is the right time to pass HB 6926.

Thank you,

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